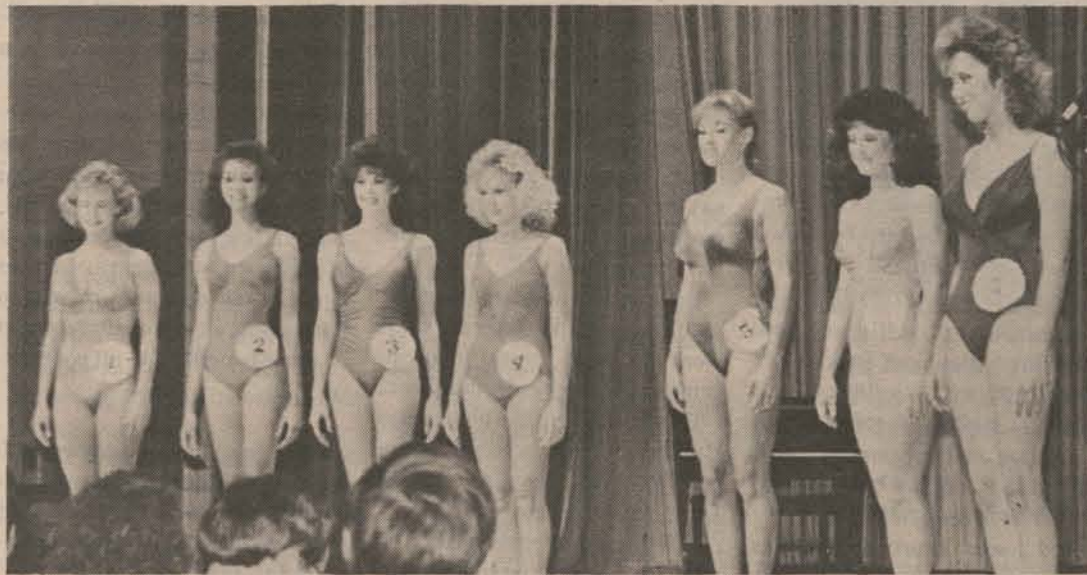


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Susan Colyar, at far left, was selected winner of the recent Miss LSUS Scholarship Pageant. The secondary math major also won the evening gown, swimsuit and talent preliminary awards.

photo by Kim Davis

LSU doctoral program to be available here

by DOREEN LAFAUCI
Managing Editor

Chancellor Grady Bogue, along with officials from Louisiana State University here in Shreveport and in Baton Rouge, announced Feb. 26 a cooperative program between LSUS and LSU-Baton Rouge, allowing graduate students to pursue doctoral studies in education at LSUS.

The arrangement between the Baton Rouge and Shreveport campuses provides educational professionals in North Louisiana, East Texas and South Arkansas easier access to professional doctoral study, Bogue said.

What the program entails is students enrolling in graduate level programs at LSUS in cooperation with the program areas of educational administration and educational research curriculum and instruction at LSU-Baton Rouge.

Qualified students will meet the admission requirements of the Baton Rouge campus. Students will begin their doctoral studies under the direction of faculty here, and once they have completed certain course work, will transfer to Baton Rouge for residency and additional graduate course work.

The LSUS campus boasts of faculty that qualify for admission to the graduate faculty at Baton Rouge, Bogue said. But additional faculty members may be employed.

"This will cost some dollars but we anticipate that we can handle that primarily through reallocation of our existing resources," Bogue said.

LSUS faculty and LSU-Baton Rouge faculty whose experience and credentials do qualify them for graduate faculty membership will work together, at their respective campuses, to teach courses, advise students and direct research.

Smith said Baton Rouge officials view LSUS faculty "confident and qualified" and said he sees no reason for faculty here to be monitored, or to have Baton Rouge faculty initiate the program at LSUS.

"We feel the time has come to extend to this part of the state the program opportunities of the LSU system," said Dr. B.E. Tabarlet, dean of the College of Education, LSUS. "We have faculty resources already in place and will be adding faculty resources as time moves on to become an

integral part of the doctoral studies that the LSU system provides in the state."

Tabarlet said he could not give a specific number of people that would enroll, or qualify, for the program, but did say he feels sure there is a large number of people in this region who, because of family or professional circumstances, had not been able to pursue work beyond the masters degree. Now easier access will provide them that opportunity.

Within the next month, Tabarlet said, LSUS plans to sponsor at least two events where interested people can meet with faculty and administration from both campuses and learn more about the admissions process.

"These kinds of efforts open up opportunities for men and women with families, those that can not just pick up like a 20-year-old to go some place," Bogue said.

"This is a real exciting moment for both institutions. Good things take a long time to cultivate and this one has been two years in the making. I look for this program to have a major constructive impact on the educational life in our schools and community."

Bogue stays, plans forums

by BARBARA POWELL
Editor
DOREEN LAFAUCI
Managing Editor

Chancellor Grady Bogue learned Monday that he was not among the three finalists to be interviewed for the presidency of Tennessee Tech University.

Bogue had described his potential opportunity at Tennessee Tech as an emotional tug of heart. The move would have placed Bogue back in his home state near his family and friends, but he said he is happy to be staying in Shreveport.

"This is home. We are proud of the university and the leadership in the community. And we're optimistic. This is not something new; we've always felt this."

Bogue expressed relief that the uncertainty about leaving LSUS was finally over.

"I left my life open. Once you've decided, life's a lot clearer for you. By being involved in the search in Tennessee, I created a temporary holding pattern in my leadership. I mean, who would want to talk to me if I'm leaving. Now that it's decided, we need to get on with things."

The first of a series of programs that Bogue has planned to strengthen the university was announced two weeks ago — a cooperative program between LSU — Baton Rouge and LSUS that will allow qualified individuals to pursue a doctorate in educational studies and research through LSUS.

In effort to gain student input into how the university can be improved, Bogue plans to visit with different student organizations. Today he will meet with the Student Organizational Council.

"The basic idea is to broaden the base of ownership and involvement so we can have as much intelligence and imagination applied to the future of this university as we can muster."

Bogue said he believes that every student is the source of an idea. To elicit ideas about ways to

strengthen the university, he has announced a series of student forums to begin Monday, April 6.

This will be the first time public forums have been held at LSUS. Several years ago, Bogue held a series of luncheons attended by a random selection of day and night students. He said he hopes

that the public forums will reach a larger number of students. The purpose of the forums will be to provide an opportunity for students to learn about the impact of recent budget cuts and to hear about some of the development options now being explored.

"I envision the forums as a sharing of ideas," Bogue said. "I will be open to any questions they (students) want to ask."

Bogue sees his goals as threefold: "One, to turn our face to the future of the university and its potential; two, to marshal intelligence and imagination about our future; and three, to nurture an optimistic attitude toward the future."

Also in the works is a series of faculty forums which Bogue sees as an opportunity to sit and talk with faculty about the future of the school. Though LSUS has been hard hit by the faltering state economy, Bogue sees present conditions as an opportunity to encourage optimism for the future.

"I don't know what the mind and the spirit of the faculty are. I'm sure they're troubled. But this is an exciting moment. We're poised on the brink of the future."

"This university was born during hard times. People said, 'Let us plan for the future even though times are tough.' We have a history of completing a new plateau of development even in hard times."

"The future is there. We just need a little dose of courage thrown in."

opinions

Opinions expressed in the *Almagest* are those of the Editorial Board or the writer of the article.

'Humanism' ruling flawed, irrational

Yet another blow has been dealt individual freedom in the name of Fundamentalist religion.

Last week, a federal judge in Alabama, William Brevard Hand, banned 45 textbooks from Alabama public schools because they supposedly promote "secular humanism" and ignore traditional Christianity. In a bizarre ruling, Judge Hand ruled that "secular humanism is a religious belief system, entitled to the protection of, and subject to the prohibitions of, the religion clauses (of the First Amendment)."

In other words, the textbooks promote one religion (secular humanism) over another (traditional Christianity) and Hand ruled that this is in opposition to the constitutional separation of church and state.

According to Fundamentalists, "secular humanism" is putting "transient human values over eternal spiritual values."

Webster's New World Dictionary defines secular in part as "not sacred or religious" and humanism as "a modern, nontheistic, rationalist movement that holds that man is capable of self-fulfillment."

Put the two together and you have something quite the opposite of organized religion.

And now, because of Judge Hand's ruling, the entire curriculum of the Alabama public school system is basically controlled by one group - the Fundamentalists. And that group is forcing Alabama schools to revise entire, carefully planned curriculums.

Although it is unlikely that Hand's dangerous ruling will pass closer scrutiny by higher courts, the threat of further lawsuits will probably force other school districts to ban books opposed by the Fundamentalists.

Hand's ruling severely disrupts the free market place of ideas and promotes ignorance. The nation's schools should be the freest of idea market places.

Different and conflicting ideas should be discussed and debated, not suppressed.

With the ruling, freedom of choice, one of the cornerstones of the Constitution, flies out the window. In its stead is ignorance.

Question of the week

What do you think of the Alabama court decision that banned certain school textbooks because they were said to promote "secular humanism?"

Dean S. Bielitz, accounting: "I disagree, primarily because I think the courts have gone to an extreme in deciding cases concerning separation of state and religion."

Leah Alban, accounting: "Children should be exposed to all religions and all theories of evolution and creationism. To prohibit them from learning about a specific religion is promoting the ignorance that is already rampant in the Bible Belt states."

Dr. Rosetta Reed, assoc. professor of business administration: "The education process should permit students to be involved in both sides of the issue."

College math requirements imperil future enrollment

by ANDY SALVAIL
Features Editor

Last April, the Louisiana Board of Regents set new general requirements for all state colleges and universities. The fact that the board actually showed an interest in higher education is complimentary. But their stipulation concerning additional math requirements was a grave mistake.

Graduating high-school students planning a career associated with the liberal arts may not wish to complete their education in Louisiana if forced to take courses completely unrelated to their field of study.

And lower future enrollments will mean less total income for our struggling educational system.

The policy says that all enter-

ing freshmen must pass six hours of college-level math. At LSUS, this means Math 121 (College Algebra) and one math course above it.

Many faculty members currently back the new measures, saying that the math requirements will prepare students for "the real world."

But how will additional algebra aid the newspaper reporter who's working on a story involving crime, politics or entertainment?

How will it help the high-school English professor who's lecturing on Herman Melville's "Moby Dick" to his literature class?

Will the new requirements bring added inspiration to the commercial artist who's painting and decorating the lobby of a post-modern office building?

Will algebra bring new life to a Caddo Indian display being pieced together by the curator of a local museum?

Students attempting to undertake one of the many programs in Liberal Arts will be bogged down by these ridiculous requirements, especially if they have no interest in or desire for algebra. Instead of math, other courses related to the student's field of study would be more beneficial to all concerned.

The decisions made by the Board of Regents were well-intentioned; but perhaps board members should have been required to take some algebra exams themselves before reaching a final verdict — and mandating a statewide policy.

Handgun restraints needed

by JACK WILLIAMS
Staff Reporter

With controversy arising over the recent remarks of Police Chief Charles Gruber concerning restrictions on handgun ownership, perhaps now is the time to again push for stricter controls on the possession of handguns.

There are an estimated 60 million handguns in circulation in the United States, a figure that increases by almost five percent each year. At that rate, the number of handguns around in the year 2000 is frightening to think about.

Despite the National Rifle Association's assertions, the Supreme Court has ruled that the Constitution does not guarantee the right to "keep and bear arms." The Court ruled in *U.S. vs. Miller* (1939) that it cannot take "judicial notice" that a handgun has "any reasonable relation to the preservation or efficiency of a well-regulated militia."

The Second Amendment states: "A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." The Court further held that the sentiment of the time during which the Constitution was written strongly opposed standing armies. "The common view was that defense of country and laws could be secured through a

militia — civilians primarily, soldiers occasionally."

When we look at the facts, it becomes painfully obvious that something needs to be done about the proliferation of handguns. During foreign wars in this century, fewer than 500,000 Americans were killed. During that same period (1900-1975) over one million gun deaths were reported, primarily handgun deaths.

Eighty-five percent of all handgun deaths are from passionate acts involving relatives and acquaintances. When handguns are bought for protection, the chances of a gun-related death in that family increases tremendously.

We try to prevent deaths by drug overdoses by making drugs illegal. Should we not try to do the same with the primary tool of death in this country, the handgun?

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Manifest late, turnover hurts

by GENA FULLER
News Editor

The Manifest will not be available to students this spring as promised.

According to Manifest advisor Suzanne Bright, instructor of communications, and editor Mitch Herrington, the delay is due to missed deadlines and a lack of smooth transition between graduating staff members of last semester and new staff members of this semester. "I'm at fault for not seeing that the transition took place," said Bright.

The first deadline fell through last December when the first editor graduated. "It was demoralizing to see things lie there and not get done," said Bright. But then a second deadline was missed because the second editor resigned from the university.

Mitch Herrington is the third editor that this edition of the Manifest will have. And because only two old staff members are still with the Manifest this semester, Bright and Herrington

agree that it has not helped their situation.

"The most important thing in making a yearbook is organization," said Herrington. But with no time to hire experienced help, Bright decided that more is better. "It's good to have a wide representation of members," she said. But there is a lack of experienced photographers and those able to produce quality layouts of the type wanted by Bright and Herrington.

This is the first time the yearbook has not been available on time to students since Bright took over as advisor. Before that time, the yearbook came out in the summer. But because spring graduates missed the yearbook, the schedule was pushed back. Now the yearbook has to essentially be finished by February.

Bright will know by graduation when the shipping date will be for the yearbooks. "My main concern is graduating seniors—that they get a shot at the book," she said. Herrington said the yearbook will be worth the wait.

Trahan judges jeans campaign

by BILL BOWEN
Staff Reporter

Joseph V. Trahan, public relations instructor and faculty advisor for the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA), served as a final-round judge for a national competition to determine a public relations campaign to be used by Levi's 501 Jeans.

Entries were from PRSSA chapters from around the country. The judging was held on January 29 in Chicago at the offices of Golin Harris Communications, the public relations representative for Levi Strauss.

When Trahan was notified about his selection as a judge in the contest, he didn't think he would be able to go. "The only thing I could think of was that neither the school nor PRSSA had funds to send someone to Chicago. And I couldn't do it on two weeks notice."

But the representative from Golin Harris who called Trahan explained, "You don't understand. All expenses are paid. We have reservations for

you at the Marriott with supper the evening you arrive and breakfast the next morning in your suite before the judging begins."

"On second thought," Trahan responded, "I'll go."

Dean Christeson, supervisor of product promotion for Golin Harris, and Art Massa, public affairs representative for Nutrasweet, also served as judges on the panel.

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Andrew Pontz, news director at KTBS - Channel 3, responds to questions from local political leaders during "Grill the Media," a reverse news conference held recently in the Plantation Ballroom. Also shown, from left, are Frank May and Buddy Baker of the (Shreveport) Times and Stan Tiner, editor of The Shreveport Journal.

Early Almagest remembered

by DONNA WAGGONER
Contributing Writer

The Almagest has changed a lot since it was first published over 19 years ago.

When the first issue debuted in October 1967, there were many problems to face, said Evelyn Herring, advisor for the paper during its first year.

Materials were a problem. Paper was hard to find. Secondly, the paper was published in Coshatta and all copy had to be mailed. If it was late, it had to be driven down.

None of the five students on

staff could type, so they wrote the stories, and Herring typed them. Then there was the problem of a name.

It took time to sort through the many names suggested by students—names such as "Tiger Tales" and "Cornucopia." Finally the name Almagest was chosen—it comes from a Greek stem meaning "greatest." It was suggested by Tara O'Brien, a columnist for the paper.

Comparing the papers of 1967 to the ones of 1987, one finds many differences. The earlier paper was published bi-monthly; now

it's published weekly. The first paper had only four pages; it now runs 8-12 pages in length. There were personality sketches in the old paper focusing on students and faculty, as well as the different departments. But, there were also editorialized stories. Most centered around campus events.

Today the Almagest carries opinion pieces and letters to the editor, along with feature stories and hard news.

"I find it (the Almagest today) very informative; It's a good paper," said Herring.

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news



Dr. Norman Provizer photo by Mitch Herrington

Surrogates topic of forum talks

Two programs dealing with surrogate parenting are on tap at LSUS as part of the College of Liberal Arts 40-Minute Forum series.

"Babies for Bucks: Problem, Prescription, Price" is the topic of comments to be presented by Wally Sanderson at 10:30 a.m. March 17. Sanderson is a student majoring in public relations.

Dr. Joseph Carlisle, associate professor of psychology, will present "Theological and Psychological Perspectives on Surrogate Parenting," at 10:30 a.m. March 19.

Both sessions are free and open to the public and will be held in the Caddo-Bossier Room of the University Center.

Article published

William D. Pederson, Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of American Studies at LSUS, has recently published an article on Senator Edward M. Kennedy in a new book entitled *American Orators of the Twentieth Century* (Greenwood Press).

The article describes Kennedy as one of the great orators in American Politics who won a national moot court competition at the University of Virginia Law School. Although a better debater than extemporaneous speaker

when he prepares for a formal speech, few modern politicians can match his delivery.

Regardless of his ideology, Kennedy is described as an active and flexible politician, and perhaps the best politician in the Kennedy family. He is usually ranked among one of the best current U.S. senators.

Pederson holds a Ph.D. from the University of Oregon. He has taught at LSUS since 1981. His work on presidents and political behavior have appeared in a variety of books, encyclopedias, and journals.

Prof becomes missionary

by MARK HEDGES
Staff Reporter

After three years of teaching mathematics at LSUS, Tom Hutchinson has resigned his position effective this month, so that he and his family can move to Taiwan to work as missionaries.

Hutchinson is a member of a non-denominational group whose goal is to spread the gospels of Christ throughout the world. He said his work in Taiwan will in-

volve taking the gospel directly into people's homes.

"I have enjoyed the time I've spent at LSUS, but the reason I'm leaving mid-semester is because the need is now," Hutchinson said.

Dr. Stuart Mills, chairman of the math and computer science departments, said that Hutchinson's four classes will be taken over by teachers already on staff and that a replacement will not be hired until the fall semester.

Edwards still favored in governor's race

by DONALD GARRETT
Sports Editor

Louisiana voters will go to the polls this fall to either reaffirm the regime of Edwin Edwards or to elect a new governor from a varied group of hopefuls.

But these hopeful gubernatorial candidates will have a difficult time unseating Edwards, says Dr. Norman Provizer, professor of political science.

In an interview with the *Almagest*, Provizer evaluated the strengths and weaknesses of Edwards and his four primary competitors for the governor's mansion.

Edwin Edwards: His liabilities include a collapsing state economy during his third term; the sense that his skills as a leader have not been up to the challenge of the state's problems; and a growing concern with the image of corruption associated with Edwards and his brand of politics. His strengths include a strong core constituency; a fragmented field;

the nature of the Louisiana political system, meaning the open primary system; the ability to capture campaign finances; his persona; and the ability of an incumbent to dole out political favors to his supporters.

Billy Tauzin: Liabilities — Primary weakness evolved when Edwards entered the race, causing too much overlap in constituencies and campaign monies; secondary weakness is the corrupt connection to the Edwards' political machine. Strengths — Has none, other than his own personal values.

Buddy Roemer: Liabilities — Is still a regional candidate, with little name recognition south of Alexandria; his father is a convicted felon; and not enough campaign money. Strengths — A very solid base of support in terms of his constituency in North Louisiana; and he is a democrat who can attract Republican votes and maintain ties with minority voters.

Jim Brown: Liabilities — Doesn't have a core con-

stituency; is perceived to be a good second choice candidate, not first choice. Strengths — Has money on hand, name recognition; outside of the governor, is the only candidate to run for state office; and is an incumbent who has remained untainted by corrupt politics — he's kept his name clean.

Bob Livingston: Liabilities — A Republican in Louisiana; questionable ability to gain the minority vote; carries the legacy of Treen and Moore. Strengths — Has a united party behind him; will be able to raise more money than the other candidates (besides Edwards); has the core support of Republican good government types; has solid core constituency and a good relationship with surrounding constituencies.

"At this stage of the race, Edwards is clearly the front-runner and Livingston, with the solid Republican backing, is second," Provizer said, "but it is still early in the campaign and things could change before the official filing date on July 22."

Advisor added

Students seeking advice on the Washington Semester now have an official advisor, as Mrs. Sally Montgomery was recently hired to help Dr. William Pederson, American Studies Program Director.

Montgomery's duties include advising Washington Semester students on what to take on the trip, what expense the students can expect to have and what to expect from the daily program in Washington. She has also been advising students on who will be going to Washington to attend the Annual Student Symposium on the American Presidency later this month.

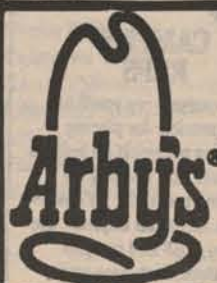
A junior history major at LSUS, Montgomery attended the

Washington semester in 1986. When she heard that Pederson was seeking someone to help him with the program, she applied for the position.

"I came back from Washington last year with a deeper appreciation for my country and my government," Montgomery said, "and I am delighted for the opportunity to share my experiences and advise students on what they can expect to gain from attending the Washington Semester."



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Gardner speech in Reader's Digest

by BILL BOWEN
Staff Writer

A speech to the 10-year reunion of the LSUS class of 1976 by James C. Gardner, former Shreveport mayor and current community representative for LSUS, is featured in the current issue of "Reader's Digest" under the title "Three Lessons for Living." It is reprinted in condensed form from the Sept. 15, 1987 issue of "Vital Speeches of the Day."

Gardner had delivered the commencement address to the class 10 years earlier — only hours after learning his wife suffered a terminal illness. His address to the reunion dealt with the loss of his wife, his own battle with a heart ailment a year later, the lessons he forged from these transitions and the discovery of life's unending offering of opportunity.

Gardner delivered the speech without prepared notes: "I did not write it down as I thought it would lose something... it was very personal," Gardner explained. He did write it down afterward and Chancellor Grady Bogue submitted a transcript to "Vital Speeches."

"Reader's Digest" discovered it and decided to publish it also.

"I was impressed with how meticulous they were in verifying the facts," Gardner said. Indeed, they called the school to confirm that the speech had been given and also called the city asking for a list of the last ten mayors, in order to be sure that Gardner's name was included and that he had, in fact, been mayor.

"I have had reaction since the publication from people literally from all over the country," Gardner said. A hospital called Gardner, saying they wanted to print it to provide inspiration and comfort to patients and doctors alike, and other have called or written to say that it helped them when they needed it.

Gardner has received the Mr. Shreveport Award, the Chamber of Commerce Business Leader of the Year Award, the Bar Association Liberty Bell Award and the National Conference of Christians and Jews Brotherhood Award. He attributes these honors to having realized that life's opportunities never end and to the sense that we are all responsible for seizing them and serving where we are able.

LSUS officer receives award

by KATE CHANDLER
Staff Writer

An LSUS campus police officer recently received the Academic Achievement Award from the Bossier Parish Community College Regional Police Academy.

Officer Michael J. Canton graduated with top honors from the six week course which included criminal investigations of crime scenes, use of first aid and proper ways for handling strange people.

From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day, the recruits ran, learned defensive tactics and safe use of firearms. The proper use of a firearm at night is both important and difficult.

"Rules of evidence, interview techniques and accident investigations are some of the more important aspects of the course,"

Canton said. "LSUS is no different in many ways to a small city. All of the techniques I have learned will be put to use here

sooner or later."

Canton said that if the course could be extended, he would like to see two weeks added. "The first aid course is intense. When people are in trouble they will look to me for help. I need to be as well-trained as possible," he said.

Physical fitness requirements for admittance to the academy are also tough. Flexibility and body strength are focal points.

An officer must be able to run a mile and a half in 16 minutes. It's physically and mentally demanding. "There are split decisions you have to make," Canton said, adding, "someone's life may literally depend on it."

Students training to be officers in the academy at BPCC must maintain a 78 percent average to stay in school. "I felt happy when I was chosen to receive the honor," Canton said. "I was a little amazed, since there were some very adept people in my class."

Aliteracy problem grows

Dr. Barbara Decker, associate professor of education, is the author of "Aliteracy: How Teachers Can Keep Johnny Reading" in the December issue of the *Journal of Teacher Education*.

The publication is the official journal of American

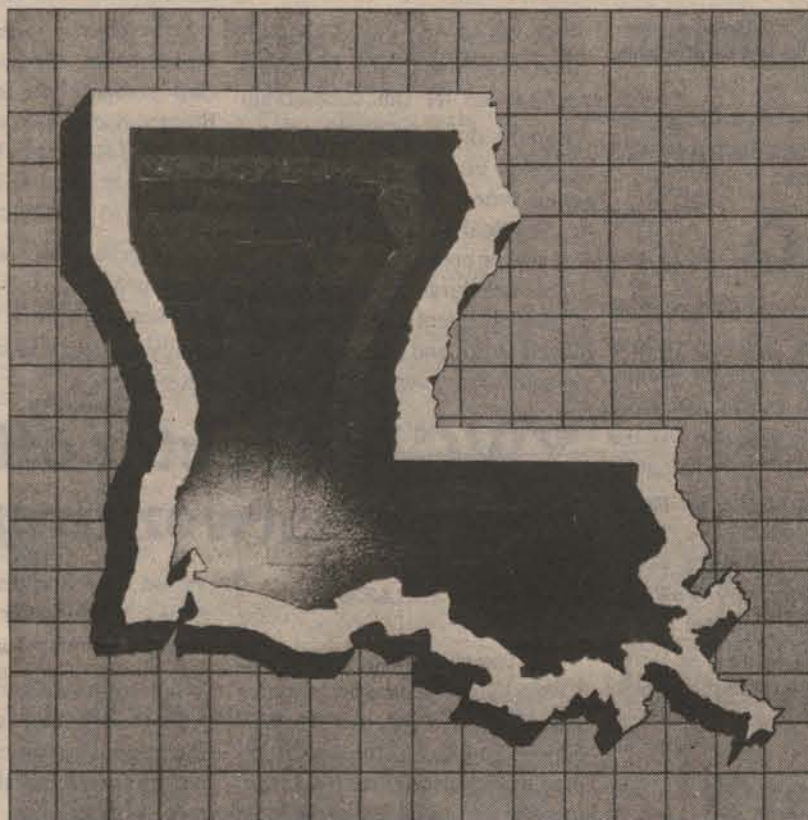
Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

Dr. Decker's article states that while literacy skills are being taught in isolation in the classrooms, the students are not practicing them.

She states that aliteracy, a term describing people who can

read but who choose not to, is a growing problem in American society.

"This disinclination to read is resulting in people who are allowing others to do their thinking and decision making for them, rather than reading for information themselves," she says.



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news briefs

Forums scheduled

Forums — The Chancellor is scheduling three open forums for students which will be held in the Caddo-Bossier room in the UC. The forums are scheduled for Monday, April 6, Tuesday, April 7 and Wednesday, April 8.

Cap & gown

The last week for ordering cap and gown for seniors and faculty is March 9th-13th.

KDAQ

KDAQ announced the selection of a program and operations manager for the station. Penny Dennis comes to KDAQ from Denver, Colo., where she was the news director for KCFR, a public radio station in one of the top 20 markets in the country.

The station's advisory Board has also elected a new chairman for 1987. Farron Peatross, a legal researcher for Peatross, Greer and Hayter, has been elected to the position.

St. Pat's

On Tuesday, March 17, join the SAB outside for music and refreshment for a St. Patrick's Day celebration. Wear Green.

Advising

It's not too early to think about next semester. Students who intend on returning in the summer or fall should begin planning now. Early registration for both summer and fall 1987 is April 6-15. Advising appointments should begin March 23. Watch the postings at your dean's office for further information.

Need aid?

Financial Aid applications are now available in the Financial Aid Office, Room 202, Administration Building. This application must be filed in order to apply for grants or loans.

Tour set

The LSUS International Studies Program is offering a summer study tour of the British coun-

tryside, Scotland, London, Ireland and France.

The tour runs from June 13 through August 6. Up to nine hours credit in English, humanities, geography or math may be earned. For more information, contact Marilyn Gibson, Director of International Studies in BH 111 or BH 227.

Award

The Walter O. Bigby Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for this scholarship.

Briefly, the applicant should be entering his or her junior or senior year of study with a major in Political Science, English, History, or pre-law Liberal Arts.

This scholarship pays the cost of the recipient's fees and required books and supplies, not to exceed \$500 per semester.

YWCA director offers tips on networking

by RODNEY MALLETT
Staff Writer

The Executive Director of the YWCA, Susan Flanagan, was the guest speaker for this month's First Tuesday, the monthly meeting sponsored by the placement office to provide students with information on different aspects of the work world.

Flanagan shared tips on how to be successful at networking, the skill of using people to get the job you want.

Attend meetings of different clubs and companies — this is a good way to meet people who can put you on the track of a job. If you aren't a club member or company employee, call ahead and ask to attend. Chances are the person you speak with will remember you and introduce you at the meeting.

The people you are introduced to will ask what you do and why you are attending the meeting. Tell them you're looking into the professional aspects of the company or profession represented at the meeting. Use the information gleaned to be prepared for your next job interview.

Write down the name of anyone you meet who may be a helpful contact. "This may be your barber's brother who is a stockbroker," said Flanagan. "Ask if you can meet him." Talking to people who are in a field in which you are interested gives you first-hand experience of what the job is like. The conver-

For more information and application forms contact Dr. Robert Colbert, Committee Chairman, (BH 218, 5304).

Grant

A new scholarship for computer science students at LSUS was announced Thursday, February 19, by the Northwest Louisiana IBM-PC Users Group.

Jeff Nordyke, president of the organization, made the scholarship presentation to Dr. Gloria Raines, vice chancellor for student affairs, at the group's meeting in the LSUS University Center.

The grant will award \$150 for the upcoming fall and spring semesters and will be available to any student majoring in computer science.

sation may broaden your expectation of the job or let you know that you aren't suitably qualified.

Job interviews can be turned from failures into successes if the job applicant comes armed with good information about the company — that shows he's done his homework — and retains his poise and remembers his manners.

When the interview begins, thank the interviewer for seeing you. Regardless of whether you are offered a job at that time, send the interviewer a note, expressing appreciation for the interview. This thoughtfulness may on occasion, net you a job. Sometimes when you are turned down for a job, you may have only been tested to see how you react to a stressful situation.

Developing a mentor can be a real career boost. Flanagan's definition of a mentor is someone who has information and is willing to sacrifice to help you learn skills.

Whether a boss is a tyrant or a pussycat is no indication of how helpful he will be in playing the role of mentor. Some of the most difficult bosses to work for can be the most useful in terms of sharing information.

The next First Tuesday will be held April 7 in the Desoto Room of the University Center. The guest speaker will be George Lee, of the Shreveport Entrepreneurial Development Corp.

Hazel Beard recalls past

by DOREEN LAFAUCI
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"I came from a little country school where home economics and agriculture were the biggies and that's all you needed," Hazel Beard told faculty and students at the last meeting of 40-minute forum.

Beard, an LSUS graduate and newly elected City Councilwoman, talked about the education she received from LSUS and how it has helped her since graduating in 1985. She recalls her first assignment was to write a comparative essay in which she attempted to compare Larry Byrd and Magic Johnson.

"She (Beard's English Professor) never expected that from a fifty-year-old woman just starting college, but what she didn't know was back there in that country school we had basketball too," Beard said.

Her lack of formal education prompted Beard to begin college 33 years after graduating high school. She told of her comparative essay, she said, in attempt to show the difference her education at LSUS has made in her life.

When she began college, Beard said she was very intimidated by those "18-year-olds, so sure of themselves," and said she expected teachers to suggest she "go back home to make better rolls." But Beard stayed in school and graduated a very confident and secure woman, earning the Academic Award for General Studies. Two years later, Beard is one of two women ever to be elected to the Shreveport City Council.

"The formal training I had here has had a big impact on my life," she said, explaining the three categories in which she classifies her education.

Beard said the first of those categories is what she terms self-image or self confidence, something she said she lacked before coming to LSUS, gained while here, and, she said, made her become a little over-confident.

"I never had self confidence. I always read trying to feel more secure, but it wasn't until after I received my degree that I became confident. I was so confident, I was cocky."

But Beard seemed to stress her second classification a little more than the first — tunnel vision. Although she definitely expresses her own opinions about certain topics, Beard said she has lost some of her narrowmindedness and is now able to accept the opinions of others.

"I always skipped reading editorials because the writer, regardless of the topic, was always on the wrong side," she said.

Beard's third category is the ability to not only recognize doors of opportunity, but to have the courage to pass through them.

"After graduation I went into accounting but I wanted more. A door was opened. I walked through and was elected to the City Council."

Beard said the desire to learn is something no one should ever give up. Everyone should be willing to "act as a sponge," absorbing all there is to learn.

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features

The best and worst of local bars

by ANDY SALVAIL
Features Editor
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It was the best of scenes, it was the worst of scenes, some bars had both charm and vivacity, while some wallowed in mediocrity; and though we had everything before us, there was still much to be desired.

In short, the local bar scene has its ups and downs.

But if you prefer the lengthy version, then here's a "Michelin Travelogue" type review of the more popular nightspots.

Places that aren't easily affordable to the average college student were considered and discussed, but they didn't make the list (for obvious reasons). Also absent from this review are critiques of hotel bars — in particular, the ones with multi-level dance floors.

All ethics have been tossed aside for the sake of this article. Any good lawyers out there?

Centenary Oyster House 1309 Centenary:

Nothing derogatory can be said about a bar with such a hip jukebox, which contains pre-prescription era Elvis ("Treat Me Nice"), The Beatles ("We Can Work It Out") and a few Motown tracks.

Day or night, there's always

the raw oysters, cheap and oozing off the shell. Good lunch prices abound, along with friendly, attractive waitresses.

Policy dictates that patrons must be 21 or older. Most of the customers here are either lawyers or eighth-year PR majors.

Don't forget about the big-band jazz ensemble from 6 to 8 p.m. on Mondays. Rating: 9.0

Humphree's in the Square 114 Texas:

So it's seedy and cavernous, and rustic, and the bands miss their chord changes now and then — so what? This may be the closest thing Shreveport has to perfection. Well, maybe not perfection. But this bar is comfortable, the cover charge is generally cheap, the crowd is a diverse melting pot of all kinds of "interesting" folks; and though Humphree's may appear ordinary on the surface, it sort of grows on you.

The only glaring problem here is that the drink specials always seem to end just as the bands begin playing their first song. Rating: 8.75

Seven Sister's 118 Texas:

This is a pleasant, usually placid hangout; it has a French-Quarter style balcony, which in many ways helps to revitalize the downtown atmosphere.

The music is okay and the prices are moderate. All in all, this is a "Grade A" bar. So why does it seem like a dentist's office? (Perhaps the plastic ferns are out of place here.)

Seven Sister's is similar to the "warehouse district" bars of New Orleans. On weeknights, business is relatively slow, allowing for a quiet, relaxing place to wind down. Rating: 7.5

Edwards St. Grocery 417 Texas:

Edwards St. has a historic look: classy, clean and brassy. The drink prices can be a little steep, but there's usually a special on draught or highballs or even "Jello Slammers."

But according to many observers, the patrons have a reputation for being stodgy. The jury is out: Is Edwards St. a haven for would-be yuppies who missed the boat? Did the old "Preppie Handbook" have greater influence than we thought?

Still, a bar that displays framed photographs of PGA golfer Lee "Tex-Mex" Trevino and Ex-Tiger Coach Jerry Stovall can't be all bad. Rating: 7.25

Shooter's Cafe 101 E. Kings:

This is where many Centenary students (the more rambunctious ones) practically live.

The decor: plain, but not shab-

by. The jukebox is above average; Buffett's "Margaritaville" and CCR's "Lodi" are great tunes, much too good for this crowd.

You can't get a real drink here, just draught beer, longnecks, wine coolers and "Melon Balls."

And there's an overabundance of guys inside, not enough women; unless you count the ostentatious freshmen girls sitting at the corner table.

The outdoor patio deck is refreshing on warm, breezy nights. The mongrels rarely congregate out there.

Shooter's Cafe — a malt shop without the ice cream. Rating: 3.0

Cabernet's — The Wine and Food Bar 6104 Line:

Unfortunately, they ceased all

operations last week.

It doesn't pay to phase out the only owner with a natural flair for the wine industry, does it guys? Retrospective rating: 2.75

Kon Tiki Lounge 5815 Youree:

This is the big sleeper of the group.

Mule Drivers, Zombies and free pretzels — what more could anyone want? Rating: 8.0

Superior Grill: They already receive enough free publicity, therefore warranting a dignified "no comment." Rating: 5.5

Mama Mia's 666 No Man's Land:

When are you going to remodel, Pat? And throw out the 16-year-olds? Sorry about the bounced check last year. Rating: 4.5

Clue's, Cowboy's, Star's, Rio's: Does anyone care?

Weak vocals mar Willis debut

by ANDY SALVAIL
Features Editor

Perhaps his father told him. Or maybe it was his mother. It's even possible that a fan gave him the idea.

Who told Bruce Willis he could sing?

Willis, co-star of the ABC hit series "Moonlighting," has recently released a blues-soul album, "The Return of Bruno." The album is seriously flawed, mainly because of his minimal vocal talents.

The studio musicians and the backup vocals (even the Pointer Sisters help him out) sound better than average, but the talent falls flat where it is needed most — from Willis.

Side one divulges the hit "Respect Yourself," which is getting a lot of radio airplay. The song itself is not that bad, but that's because Willis' vocals are mixed quite low; The Pointer Sisters practically drown him out.

As for the rest of the album, Willis seems to be having a wonderful time; he even throws in a few old classics like "Under the Boardwalk" and "Secret Agent Man." These are the worst renditions of those songs I've ever heard.

This is basically a novelty

album. Willis is going for the bucks, and who can blame him? But from an expanded perspective, "The Return of Bruno" ranks right up there with other novelty albums such as "Bob Hope's Jazzy Christmas in Vietnam" and "Eddy Arnold Sings The Beatles."


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sports

ROTC wins IM playoffs

by RODNEY MALLET
Sports Reporter

The Intramural playoffs went as expected. The Division I teams made up the final four and the two top seeds were in a thrilling contest for the championship.

The playoffs began with a wild card game between the Grade Enforcers and the Fitters. The Fitters won 48-37.

The first round was now on the

way. Division I's number five team, GUS, defeated the frat's number two team Kappa Sigma 43-41, despite a 17 point effort from Terry Spier. The Division II winner, the Celtics, lost to the wild card team, Fitters, 53-46. The Fitters were led by Jeff Gillham's 22. The Bruthas, Division III winner, took the Bricklayers, Division II's number two team, to the limit before losing 60-58 in overtime. Reginald Hor-

ton had 24 for the Bricklayers. The Schmogs, Division II runner up, beat Phi Delta Theta 27-15.

The second round saw top seeded ROTC demonstrate their power as they defeated the Bricklayers 72-55 behind Mark Roberts' 27 points, the last seven shots Roberts made were three-pointers. BSU beat Gus 57-38 behind Steve Shelly's 19. Second-seeded ATS had a strong showing against the Schmogs as they won 78-22. Ron Cheatum had 17 for ATS. LCR, seeded third, was too much for the Fitters as they won 79-63. John Eason had 28 and Rick Whitaker had 21 for LCR. Rick Moffit led the Fitters with 19.

The final four consisted of the top four seeds. All of them were from Division I. ROTC advanced to the finals with a 51-42 victory of BSU. ATS worked its way to the finals with a 73-64 win over LCR.

The two teams had met once during regular season with ROTC getting the win on a disqualification. ATS received three technical fouls. ATS was up by two points when the game was halted.

The championship game was a classic. It was tight all the way and with four seconds left the game was tied. Phil Robinson hit a shot to lead ROTC to a 59-57 victory. Robinson led ROTC with 19 points. Terry Josting had 22 for ATS.

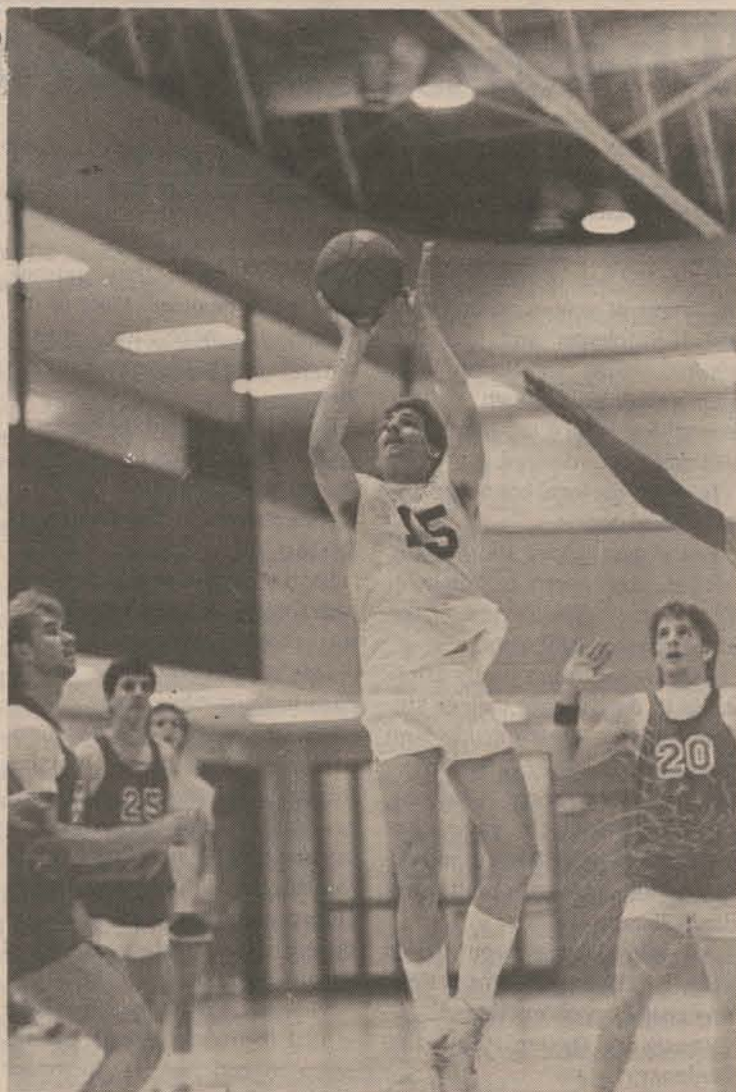


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Mark Miller, 15, of ROTC goes up for a jump shot during the Intramural playoff championship as Ron Cheatum, 20, of And Then Some looks on. ROTC won the game, 59-57, on a last second shot by Phil Robinson. The ROTC victory was considered an upset by most observers.

Running beneficial

by KATE CHANDLER
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A long preparation to run three miles, for me, is a necessary evil.

I begin my morning four times a week with the same series of stretches. Concentrating on my legs and back first, I then stretch out my neck, sides and arms.

Being careful not to overstretch is an important concern. Running 'too loose' will aggravate the stubborn tendonitis in my left knee.

In 1975, a fiery car crash, which killed a friend, left me with broken ribs, a punctured lung and a chronic knee problem.

An elastic knee support helps. I wrap it with a couple rounds of tape and reach for my running shoes.

My feet hit the ground in a familiar heel, ball pattern. The cold air feels oppressive as it enters my lungs, so I pull my scarf up to cover my mouth and nose. Now, I can concentrate on my form.

Running in a chest forward position will cause leg muscle and joint problems. Running with shoulders pressed back is hard on your back. I try to remain on center, slightly forward.

Pavement runners have a special problem with these type injuries. The dirt road I run on

provides one of the best possible surfaces.

The 6:00 a.m. train roars by shaking the ground, as I make my first quarter mile. In the pasture a startled calf bolts from his mother and she calls for him to return, other calves look on in confusion, long since accustomed to the loud rumbling train.

The road winds through a pecan orchard and dips slightly. At this point tension begins to fade, the exhilaration of running kicks in; I feel like I could run forever.

Beyond are two small hills, I overcome them with ease. A level section of pasture between me and the river allows me to run with no obstacles and complete my run in an up tempo pace.

When I complete my run, weariness sets in, but it only lasts for a short while. After a shower my body and mind refreshed, I am ready to meet the challenges of the day.

Without my morning run, I usually have less energy and often fail to perform daily tasks to the best of my ability. Running gives me that extra edge; an upbeat attitude and outlook for each day.

BSU wins

The finalist for the girls championship game was decided without a shot being fired. ZTA won by forfeit when the Dunking Darlings did not show up. BSU had the same luck when Phi Mu forfeited their game.

This left BSU and ZTA to battle for first place. BSU won in a tight one 30-28. Stephanie Prejean had 18 for BSU and Andy Doyle had 24 for ZTA.

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